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SUBJ: METEOROLOGY: U.S. COOPERATION IN A NATIONAL

WEATHER SYSTEM FOR IRAN

REF: STATE 42954

1. TODAY, APRIL 4 (THIS WAS EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY POSSIBLE),
EMBASSY SCIENCE ATTACHE MET WITH GENERAL TAVAKOLI, MINISTRY
OF WAR, AND MRS. G. NEMAT, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, IRAN'S METEOR-
OLOGICAL DEPARTMENT, CONCERNING REFTEL.
 2. TAVAKOLI AND NEMAT RECOMMENDED THAT FOLLOWING THREE EXPERTS
FROM US NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION WOULD
BE MOST USEFUL AND APPROPRIATE FOR INITIAL SURVEY VISIT TO
IRAN: (A) SPECIALIST IN NATIONAL WEATHER SYSTEM PLANNING AND
DESIGN, (B) APPLIED METEOROLOGIST, (C) COMPUTER EXPERT-
PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS OF WEATHER DATA.
 3. IF POSSIBLE, ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM SHOULD HAVE
SOME EXPERIENCE IN AGRO-METEOROLOGY. ALSO BOTH TAVAKOLI AND
HEKMAT INDICATED THAT IF ONE OF THE TEAM MEMBERS ALSO HAD A
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- COMBINED COMMUNICATIONS-METEOROLOGY BACKGROUND THIS WOULD BE
ESPECIALLY HELPFUL. GOI INTEREST LIES IN BOTH HEADQUARTERS
AND FIELD ORGANIZATION AND WOULD ENCOMPASS BOTH CIVILIAN AND
MILITARY SECTORS.
4. CONCERNING TIMING OF VISIT OF US TEAM TO TEHRAN, MRS.
NEMAT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IT SHOULD BE "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

TAVAKOLI SAID THAT FROM HIS VIEW, IRANIAN SIDE WILL SUGGEST DATE TO NOAA WITHIN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. FYI: GENERAL TOUFANIAN, WHO IS TAVAKOLI'S IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR, IS NOW OUT OF COUNTRY (BACK ABOUT APRIL 18). TOUFANIAN MUST GIVE FINAL AUTHORIZATION AND GOI FUNDING FOR THIS COOPERATION. TAVAKOLI PRIVATELY IS VERY CONFIDENT THAT TOUFANIAN WILL APPROVE AND ALSO IMPLIED THAT THIS COOPERATION IS OF SUCH IMPORTANCE THAT IT WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SHAH.

5. ON FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR U.S. TEAM VISIT, GENERAL TAVAKOLI WOULD LIKE SOONEST (NEXT WEEK, IF FEASIBLE) NOAA'S SUGGESTIONS ON FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) SHOULD THREE PRE-PAID AIR TICKETS BE SENT TO NOAA OR SHOULD GOI REIMBURSE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT? (B) IF ANY FUNDS ARE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO NOAA IN ADVANCE OF TEAM VISIT, WHAT IS BEST AND QUICKEST WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS (FOR EXAMPLE, DEPOSITING TO A US TREASURY ACCOUNT C/O NOAA)?

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE RESPOND TO PARA 5 ABOVE, AND PROVIDE BIODATA OF NOAA TEAM COMING TO IRAN TO FURNISH TO TAVAKOLI AND NEMAT.

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